

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 698

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Patton Robinette upon being named the Gatorade Tennessee Football Player of the Year.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful student athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such athlete is Maryville High School senior quarterback Patton Robinette, who was recently named the Gatorade Tennessee Football Player of the Year for 2011; and

WHEREAS, this annual award recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, the Gatorade awards recognize one winner in each of the fifty states and the District of Columbia in the categories of high school football, volleyball, cross country, basketball, soccer, baseball, softball, and track and field; and

WHEREAS, as the recipient of the award for the state of Tennessee, Patton Robinette was also considered as a finalist for the Gatorade National Player of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinette has, during the course of a stellar high school football career, led the Rebels to two Class 6A state championships and a perfect 15-0 during the 2011 season, during which he accumulated some quite impressive statistics, including 1,594 passing yards, twenty-two passing touchdowns, 889 rushing yards, and sixteen rushing touchdowns on the season; and

WHEREAS, Patton's commitment to the pursuit of excellence evidences itself both on and off the field. He carries a 4.55 grade point average, dedicates his time and energies to a

number of community endeavors, including working with an area pre-school program and a youth football camp, and has participated in a number of service-based mission projects with his church's youth group; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinette's determination, work ethic, and talent have not only made possible a memorable and successful football career, but also surely point toward his success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Patton Robinette epitomizes the spirit and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Maryville High School senior quarterback Patton Robinette upon being named the Gatorade Tennessee Football Player of the Year for 2011 and wish him every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.